

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 545
By Sharp

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Alma Sue Walker upon obtaining her GED.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those estimable individuals who, through perseverance and hard work, have achieved an extraordinary level of success despite facing many difficulties and hardships; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Alma Sue Walker who has persisted and triumphed over many hardships; and

WHEREAS, due to complications during birth, Alma Sue Walker was born with multiple medical problems including mental, speech, and hearing handicaps; and

WHEREAS, entering public school at age six, Alma Walker struggled and persevered through grade school, then attended about one year of high school; and

WHEREAS, after entering the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna, Ms. Walker developed many necessary skills to live on her own; and

WHEREAS, graduating from the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in 1993, she worked for a mattress factory and Goodwill before gaining employment at the Opryland Commissary; and

WHEREAS, Alma Sue Walker has diligently worked at the Opryland Commissary for the last ten years, and has received numerous awards and honors for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, desiring to obtain her GED, Ms. Walker attended Gaylord University, a program offered by Gaylord Entertainment; and

WHEREAS, overcoming staggering odds, Alma Sue Walker obtained her GED on April 8, 2005 at the age of fifty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Alma Sue Walker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Alma Sue Walker upon obtaining her GED and extend to her our best wishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.